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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG  
SUBJECT: NIGERIAN PERCEPTIONS OF CUBAN ROLE IN NON-ALIGNED  
MOVEMENT

REF: STATE 142045

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMB. SANU, DIRECTOR OF MEA'  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, POLCOUNS ASKED FOR  
HIS PERCEPTIONS OF RECENT MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING  
BUREAU IN HAVANA, WHICH HE ATTENDED AS NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

2. SANU OBSERVED THAT THE MEETING WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND THE  
CUBANS WERE GOOD HOSTS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE CUBAN ROLE, HE  
SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT SOME ATTENDEES WERE DISTURBED BY SO-  
CALLED CUBAN AGGRESSIVENESS BUT HE FELT THEIR ROLE WAS  
CONSISTENT WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS HOST. HE NOTED THAT  
THEY HAD ACCEPTED WITH GOOD GRACE THE REVISIONS MADE IN THEIR  
AFRICAN DRAFT BY THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. SANU EXPRESSED  
IMPATIENCE WITH THOSE WHO TALKED ABOUT ONE COUNTRY OR ANOTHER  
VYING FOR LEADERSHIP OF NAM. AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THERE  
ARE NO LEADERS--THE MEMBERS ALL MEET TOGETHER ON EQUAL FOOTING.  
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WHEN POLCOUNS OBSERVED THAT SOME WOULD QUESTION THE CUBANS'  
NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS, HE REPLIED THAT THE DEFINITION OF  
NON-ALIGNMENT IS A "TOUCHY SUBJECT." HE THOUGHT CUBA WAS JUST  
AS NON-ALIGNED AS GABON, FOR INSTANCE.

3. SANU'S VIEWS ARE GENERALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THOSE OF MEA  
AFRICA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AKADIRI AS EXPRESSED TO CANADIAN HIGH

COMMISSIONER LEGAULT RECENTLY. LEGAULT BROUGHT THE SUBJECT UP WITH AKADIRI ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA. AKADIRI SAID THAT NIGERIA BELIEVES THE CUBANS' PRESENCE IN NAM IS GENUINE AND HE WOULD BE DISTURBED IF ANY EFFORT WERE MADE TO FORCE THEM OUT OF THE MOVEMENT. HE ADDED THAT NIGERIA BELIEVES THE CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA IS DEPENDENT AND THE CUBANS ARE NOT ACTING AS PUPPETS OF THE USSR.

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